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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRALS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED MFA CHIEF EUROPEAN SECURITY SECTION
MINISTER HELMUT LIDERMANN JULY 22 OF US VIES ON CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION, AS INSTRUCTED, AND WAS PROMISED DETAILED
RUNDOWN OF AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCES AND VIEWS NEXT WEEK.
LIEDERMANN DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS AUSTRIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD BELGRADE 77 AND REGISTERED STONG DISSATISFACTION
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WITH RESULTS TO DATE OF AUSTRIA'S EFFORTS TO SECURE

FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND COORDINATION OF WESTERN APPROACH TO CSCE FOLLOW-UP IN COOPERATION EITHER WITH OTHER EUROPEAN NEUTRALS OR WITH EUROPEANS GENERALLY IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE). HE WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED BY US INTEREST IN CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS.

2. ON APPROACH TO BELGRADE 77, LIEDERMANN SAID AUSTRIA BELIEVED THAT WITHOUT SERIOUS EFFORT TO FOLLOW-UP SOVIETS WILL HAVE SECURED THEIR CSCE OBJECTIVE OF UNDERWRITING STATUS QUO IN EASTERN EUROPE WHILE WEST WILL HAVE THROWN AWAY ONLY CONCRETE DECLARATION OF INTENT IT HAS EVER HAD CONCERNING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES' BEHAVIOR VIS-A-VIS THEIR OWN AND OTHER PEOPLES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID BELGRADE 77 SHOULD FOCUS NOT JUST ON BALANCE SHEET OF STEPS TAKEN TO BRING SIGNATORY COUNTRIES' BEHAVIOR INTO COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT BUT ALSO ASSESS EXTENT TO WHICH "DYNAMIC ASPECTS" OF ACT (I.E. DEEPENING OF MUTUAL RELATIONS, IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY, AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN EUROPE) ARE FARING. HE SAID THAT WHILE PERMANENT MACHINERY FOR SUCH ASSESSMENTS SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE AVOIDED, WITHOUT PROSPECT OF PERIODIC REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION SUCH AS BELGRADE 77, SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NO INCENTIVE TO IMPROVE ON THEIR POOR RECORD TO DATE.

3. LIEDERMANN ALSO RESPONDED TO REMARKS RE YUGOSLAVIAN ACTION AT UN HRC BY OBSERVING THAT YUGOSLAVS GET THEMSELVES CAUGHT BETWEEN SOVIET SURROGATES, SUCH AS CUBA, AND NON-ALIGNED IN INTERNATIONAL FORA BUT WERE REALLY MUCH MORE PRO-WEST IN ATTITUDE TOWARD CSCE FOLLOW-UP THAT ACTIVITY AT GENEVA INDICATED. HE SAID YUGOSLAVS HAD EXPRESSED TO AUSTRIANS STRONG DISSATISFACTION WITH SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH BASKET III PRINCIPLES; ALSO, YUGOSLAVS HAD SAID THOSE PRINCIPLES HAD POLITICAL AS WELL AS HUMAN MEANING AND COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED SIMPLY BY "OBSERVING" SOVIET ACTIONS. TRINKA

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